
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "FARM TO SCHOOL
MONTH" IN HAWAII TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL
INITIATIVES IN HAWAII'S SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, research and experience in schools across the
2 country are increasingly demonstrating that school children
3 significantly increase their consumption of fruits and
4 vegetables when given a variety of choices in school; and

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6 WHEREAS, providing fresh local produce in schools benefits
7 local farmers and school children; and

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9 WHEREAS, farm to school initiatives are a driving force
10 behind food system change in Hawaii; and

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12 WHEREAS, farm to school initiatives connect schools and
13 local farms with the objective of serving healthy meals in
14 school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, and lowering
15 childhood obesity; and

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17 WHEREAS, farm to school initiatives provide students with
18 access to fresh, local foods, as well as educational
19 opportunities, including school gardens and farm field trips;
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22 WHEREAS, farm to school initiatives enrich the connection
23 that the community has with healthy food and local food
24 producers; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2010, the United States House of
27 Representatives passed a resolution designating October as
28 national "Farm to School Month"; and

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30 WHEREAS, during the national "Farm to School Month",
31 schools across the county celebrate local food served in their



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1 cafeterias, schoolyard gardens, and the food and agricultural
2 enrichment occurring in the classrooms; and

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4 WHEREAS, the designation of the month of October of each
5 year as "Farm to School Month" in Hawaii will support farm to
6 school initiatives in our schools; and empower children and
7 their families to make informed food choices while strengthening
8 the local economy and contributing to the community; now,
9 therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the month of
14 October of each year be designated as "Farm to School Month" to
15 strengthen and support farm to school initiatives in Hawaii's
16 schools; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
20 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of
21 Agriculture, Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College
22 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and Hawaii Farm to
23 School and School Garden Hui.

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